IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

here application of : Confirmation No. 8391

Jun TANABE et al. : Docket No. 00724/P11-225315/AM/CUB/US

Serial No. 09/514,338 : Group Art Unit 3682

Filed February 28, 2000 : Examiner Chong Hwa Kim

STEERING WHEEL AND METHOD

FOR MANUFACTURING SAME : Mail Stop: AF

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated May 19, 2004 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 15-29.

- () A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- (X) The extension fee of \$980.00 for a three month extension of time is submitted with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.
- (X) The Appeal Fee of [X] \$340.00 (other than Small Entity) [] \$170.00 (Small Entity)
 - (X) is enclosed
 - () is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. The original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.
- () Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which
 - () is enclosed.
 - () has been previously submitted.

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() The Appeal Fee is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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